

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of: Crump et al.

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Serial No.: 09/716,486

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Art Unit: UNKNOWN

Title: "Respiratory Suction Catheter Apparatus
with Improved Valve and Collar"

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the Examiner's consideration in accordance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/693,261. This application relates to similar subject matter.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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